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JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE COMMISSION ISSUES DECISION AND ORDER
IMPOSING PUBLIC ADMONISHMENT ON JUDGE JOSE I. SANDOVAL

The Commission on Judicial Performance has publicly admonished Judge Jose I. Sandoval of the Los Angeles County Superior Court. The commission determined that it should issue a public admonishment to Judge Sandoval for violating his duty to dispose of all judicial matters promptly and efficiently and for violating his duty to perform his judicial duties competently and diligently.

Judge Sandoval failed to resentence a criminal defendant for more than three years after the Court of Appeal directed him to do so. Judge Sandoval continued the sentencing hearing on many occasions, often at the request of counsel. Judge Sandoval, however, failed to exert control over the process to assure that sentencing occurred within a reasonable period of time. This subjected the defendant to an unnecessary and indefinite delay before Judge Sandoval imposed a sentence.

In imposing a public admonishment, the commission determined that one factor that aggravated Judge Sandoval's misconduct was prior discipline that Judge Sandoval received for similar misconduct.

The public admonishment is available on the commission's website at <http://cjp.ca.gov> (under "Pending Cases - Press Releases & Documents" and "Public Discipline & Decisions") and at the commission's office. Judge Sandoval is represented by Attorney Edith R. Matthai of Los Angeles.

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The commission is composed of six public members, three judges and two lawyers. The chairperson is Nanci E. Nishimura, Esq.

For further information about the Commission on Judicial Performance, see the commission's website at <http://cjp.ca.gov>.